

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
Lovonya DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805

November 16, 2011

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.
President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey. Tony Thurmond arrived 6:35 p.m.

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, District Engineering Officer; Patricia Calvert, Executive Director Human Resources; Martin Coyne, Senior Director Bond Finance; Otilia Espinoza, Interpreter; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements
- C.2 Acceptance of Donations
- C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities
- C.4 Contracted Services
- C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports
- C.6 Notice of Completions: Bid J068301 Richmond High School Arts Building Fire & Intrusion Alarm Project, Bid J068217 Kennedy High School Security Fencing Project, Bid J068263 Crespi Middle School Roof Restoration Project
- C.7 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44285.3
- C.8 Routine Personnel Changes Certificated
- C.9 Routine Personnel Changes Classified
- C.10 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers
- C.11 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.12 Approval of Wilson Elementary School Construction Document Design Fees
- C.13 Approval of Superintendent and Board Members Attending California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference
- C.14 Resolution No. 731112: Supporting the California Cancer Research Act
- C.15 Annual Williams Review
This item was pulled for comment.
- C.16 Resolution No. 721112: Educators Recognition Resolution
- C.17 Modification for Policy 7214.2

President Ramsey acknowledged Dr. Cynthia LeBlanc in the audience, for her work with the American Cancer Society as National Director.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Items C.1 C. 14, C.16 C.17. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Tony Thurmond, Student Representative Aidan Brorsen (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

C.15 Annual Williams Review

Ms. Merriweather had questions about the repair process for maintenance concerns. Mr. Fay responded that the Maintenance Department makes a priority of all Williams claims and spoke about the length of time to clear the complete list.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C. 5 Annual Williams Review. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Tony Thurmond, Student Representative Aidan Brorsen (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Employee Service Anniversary Recognition

Ms. Reinhagen invited the Board and Cabinet to recognize employees for annual service awards. She also invited the union representatives in the audience to join in the recognition: Sandra Falk, Scott Brown, Sharon Lambie, Diane Brown. Ms. Reinhagen said that sixty-one employees are being acknowledged for their years of service. Those in attendance were awarded service pins.

D.2 Parcel Tax Survey Presentation

Superintendent Harter provided context regarding the Board's authorization earlier in the year, for a committee to determine whether the community would support a revenue enhancing measure on the ballot. The committee selected Godbe Research to do a survey of the community. Mr. Bryan Godbe provided a report of the survey findings.

Public Comment:

Debra Lane, Diane Brown, Marisol Sanchez, Fayza Ayyad, David Yarnell

- E.1 Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.
- D.5 **Measure D 2010 Bond Sale**
Ms. Gamba introduced the bond finance team of Dave Olson, KNN Public Finance, Jeff Barrata of Piper Jaffray, John Solarczyk and Scott Henry of De La Rosa Co., Kris Vaca of GCR, LLP and Catrina Cartagena of Stradling, Yocca, Carlson and Rauth.
Mr. Olson reported on the recent successful sale of \$100 million in bonds, the first series of bonds issued under 2010-D bond program. He spoke about new strategies used, objectives, and the primary results. He also spoke about investor outreach and participation feedback. Discussion continued regarding the aspects of the sale and comparisons with sales over previous years.
Further discussion concerned disclosure of the District's history, moving forward with the state loan payoff, and release of the state trustee.
Mr. Thurmond spoke about investors making comparisons and what the District should do to add meaningful value to its portfolio. Mr. Solarczyk responded.
Mr. Olson concluded by saying that this bond effort will result in delivery of a high quality construction program. President Ramsey thanked the team for their work over the last 18 months.
Board members Kronenberg, Medrano, Merriweather and Thurmond thanked the finance team for their work, and leadership in this successful sale
- D.6 **Standing Reports**
This item was moved to follow E.2.
- D.7 **In Memory of Members of the School Community**
This item was moved to follow D.3.
- E. **PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**
(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)
- E.1
This item was moved to follow D.3.
- E.2 **Request to Address the Board Billy Alexander**
This item was moved to follow D.2.
- E.3 **WCCUSD Public Comment**
This item was moved to follow B.7.
- F. **ACTION ITEMS**
None
- G. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
None
- H. **UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** (continued from Item E)
None
- I. **COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**
Mr. Medrano thanked the Board for their work together as a team. He also congratulated four Richmond High Juniors for their essay contest scholarships; Jillian Ortiz, Curz, Perla Ponce, Diana Osorio, and Alex Uribe. He also mentioned Pinole Valley High Environmental Studies Academy students and teachers who attended the National Career Academy Coalition recently in Anaheim. The teachers included William Harris, William Wilson, Leslie Ganick and Monica Tennison-Luthy. The students who presented at the coalition included Motasim Hassan, Khalil Ferguson, Celeste Mendoza and Mayra Martinez.

Mr. Thurmond thanked President Ramsey for his leadership in being financial stewards and bringing a level of intensity to raising the academic bar.

Ms. Merriweather thanked